
Introduced by Senator Alquist

April 30, 2012

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 88—Relative to Arthritis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 88, as introduced, Alquist. Arthritis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2012 as Arthritis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis includes more than 100 rheumatic diseases
2 and conditions that affect joints, the tissues that surround joints,
3 and other connective tissue; and
4 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain, loss of movement, and can
5 limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing; and
6 WHEREAS, Arthritis affects an estimated 50 million adults
7 living with some form of doctor-diagnosed arthritis, rheumatoid
8 arthritis, gout, lupus, or fibromyalgia, representing approximately
9 1 in 5 adults in the United States; and
10 WHEREAS, An estimated 294,000 children under 18 years of
11 age have some form of arthritis or rheumatic condition,
12 representing approximately 1 in every 250 children in the United
13 States; and
14 WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem and the
15 nation's leading cause of physical disability among Americans
16 over 15 years of age; and

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy more
2 than \$128 billion each year in lost wages and health care costs;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Arthritis results in 992,100 hospitalizations and
5 44 million outpatient visits each year; and

6 WHEREAS, In California there are 5.1 million people living
7 with arthritis, including 38,000 children; and

8 WHEREAS, An estimated 67 million adults 18 years of age and
9 older, representing 25 percent of the population of the United
10 States, will have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature understands the extent
14 of, and sympathizes with, the severity of the impact of arthritis on
15 California; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of May
17 2012 as Arthritis Awareness Month and appreciates the efforts of
18 the California Arthritis Foundation Council to seek access to care
19 for all Californians; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
21 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.